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STRUCTURE AND METHOD FOR COATING OUTER PERIPHERAL SURFACE OF
PILLAR STRUCTURE

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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- ☒ 1. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed (a) within three months of the U.S. filing date of this non-CPA application, OR (b) before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits in the present application. No certification or fee is required.
- ☒ 2. Relevance of the non-English language reference (1) is discussed in the present specification.
- ☒ 3. The references were cited in the International Search Report. An English language version of the International Search Report is attached for the Examiner's information.
- ☒ 4. English language Abstracts of the non-English language references (1 & 2) are attached hereto.

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- ☒ 5. A computer-generated English language translation of the following Japanese Patent Publication has been obtained from the website of the Japanese Patent Office ([<http://www.jpo.go.jp>]), and is attached, but has not been reviewed for accuracy. See References 1 & 2.

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